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FOREWORD.

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This edition of the Texas Legislative Manual has been made as complete and as useful as possible. The Texas Constitution included herein is an exact copy of the original of 1876 with the amendments up to date. Errors in spelling, et cetera, appear just as they are in the original documents. Two Sections 16 of Article 7 will be found on Page 276. Both were adopted as such and no one has authority to change the section numbers.

The Constitution of the United States and Jefferson's Manual have been included; the first because of its general use and interest, and the two together, because they form the basis for parliamentary practice in this Country. Although many Congressional and Texas Legislative practices have been changed to meet new conditions and are constantly being improved, yet the general parliamentary structure remains as given in Jefferson's Manual. While it is used very little in ordinary practice, there are times when it is valuable as a reference.

During the Forty-second Legislature the Rules of the House were completely revised. This revision took into account, in general, the terms of the recently adopted Section 5 of Article 3 of the Constitution. These Rules have been thoroughly annotated, annotations contained in previous Manuals which are in accord with the present Rules having been brought forward and supplemented with a large amount of new material. Precedents of the Texas Legislature and of Congress will be found after the rules to which they relate. Only those Congressional Precedents which are in accord with the Rules of the Texas House or represent accepted principles have been included. Most of the latter have been the practice of the Texas House for years but have never been written down in a Manual. Congressional Precedents have been taken from the latest edition of "House Rules and Digest" of the National House of Representatives and from Hinds' Precedents, and all references given are to the latter. For example, the reference (V, 5025) means Hinds' Precedents, Vol. 5, Section 5025. The Rules of the Texas Senate have been handled in the same way so far as time would permit.

Material in brackets includes explanations which have proven helpful, and statements of practices extending over long periods of time which now carry the authority of rules.

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